

FLASHES FROM THE SPORT LAMP

Edited by Wagner

LEVINSKY MAY BE CHOSEN TO BOX LES DARCY

New York, Jan. 28.—A. I. Rudolph, father-manager of Al McCoy, generally recognized as middleweight champion title holder, was in conference with Grant Hugh Browne yesterday for the purpose of arranging a match with Les Darcy. No agreement was reached. Promoter Browne then proceeded to get into communication with George Chip, the New Castle, Pa., middleweight, and expects to talk over terms with the latter some time today.

Battling Levinsky is the next choice of Browne for a bout with Darcy in the event that he is unable to come to terms with Chip or McCoy. Agreements for a Darcy-Chip bout give the Australian a percentage of the motion picture returns in addition to a purse of \$25,000.

BILLY MISKE IS LOGICAL MAN FOR DARCY TO TACKLE

New York, Jan. 27.—Next in importance to a Wyland-Fulton match is one between Les Darcy and Billy Miske. With Georges Carpentier out of the question and Dillon out of the running by his recent defeats there is no question that Miske is the most desirable opponent for the much advertised Australian.

Darcy seems to have made up his mind to take on some of the easier cases first and there are many who think that he will pass up Miske altogether on the ground that he is too big. Darcy himself denies this. He says that he has studied Miske carefully and feels confident that he knows how to beat him.

But he argues that if he took on Miske first and defeated him there would be no interest in bouts with men of lesser calibre. That would mean that in the future Darcy would have to continue fighting heavyweights, although Darcy still is capable of making the middleweight limit.

Darcy impresses one as being a very shrewd youth, but he seems to have made several mistakes already. His stage tour was one. While he is wasting his time in that way he is losing the benefit of the tremendous amount of advertising he received when he first made his appearance. His determination to meet Al McCoy looks like another false step. He could take on McCoy at any time when things become a little dull, but for his first bout he should have selected a more formidable opponent.

FULTZ PLANS TO CALL MEETING OF FANS IN NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 27.—President David L. Fultz of the Baseball Players' Fraternity, is arranging today for a mass meeting of local fans to place before them the players' side of the differences with organized baseball.

Resolving President Fultz's announcement that class B and class C players would be taken into the fraternity, Secretary J. H. Farrell of the National Association of Baseball Clubs has issued a statement that clubs in the smaller leagues are operated at a loss by public spirited citizens whose only purpose is "to keep their town on the map."

There was considerable speculation as to whether the executive council of the Federation of Labor, which had announced a meeting here today, would consider the application of the Players' fraternity for a federation charter.

Interest in Eastern League Dead Among Springfield Rooters.

(Sporting News.)

Before spring arrives it is our hope to find, in the vicinity of Springfield, Mass., one person who really is interested in the new Eastern League, which has in its circuit several cities that once were bang up baseball centers. We attended this league's last meeting, held at the Cooley Hotel in Springfield. It was some meeting. In the corridors of the hostelry there wasn't a single fan and there was one ball player—Young Gleason, who is to be with the Pirates this year.

One did not locate Charles D. White, the ambassador of the House of Spalding, or W. L. Golden, his assistant. The Victor Sporting Goods Co. has its headquarters in Springfield; yet Charles H. Whitney, its guiding spirit, who is a brother of Arthur Whitney, the old Giant third baseman, did not attend. Most of the clubs had representatives, and myself included, there were three newspaper men there. We weren't introduced to the club representatives (we knew most of them). And what was the principal subject of conversation while we were waiting for the meeting to start?

Was it about the Eastern League? Not on your life. It was about how Joe Villa scoops his New York contemporaries.

Which shows you that if the fans are not interested, in the minor leagues the men helping run them are not obsessed, either.

BOB FOLWELL MAY NOT COACH PENN ELEVEN NEXT SEASON



New York, Jan. 26.—Recent reports from Philadelphia state that Bob Folwell may not coach the University of Pennsylvania football team next fall. Folwell coached the Penn eleven to a victory over Cornell last season, and somewhat because of this he has requested a salary of \$8,000 from his alma mater. It is understood that Folwell would ask at least \$5,000 more from any other college than his own.

The Penn athletic authorities differ with Folwell as to his worth as a coach, and in the meantime other coaching appointments are being held up. Sentiment also figures in these appointments, as the men involved are former Penn men.

It is known that Folwell's salary last year called for considerably less than \$8,000.

RICKARD SECURES SITE FOR BOXING ARENA IN NEW YORK

Failing to Get Garden He Will Stage Bouts in Harlem.

New York, Jan. 27.—When Tex Rickard recently lost his fight with Grant Hugh Browne for the lease of Madison Square Garden sporting men said it meant the passing of the Westerner as a local fight promoter. They were wrong. Browne's victory has temporarily eliminated Rickard as a bidder for the pugilistic classic, but Tex is coming back into the game and promises to be just as important a factor in championship matches as ever within six months. By that time Rickard says he will have an amphitheatre of his own, where he can stage many kinds of athletic contests.

The new arena, he says, will be located near the Riverside Drive viaduct, between 132d and 134th streets. It will cover a plot of ground 350 feet by 200. Seating accommodations for 15,000 persons will be provided. The floor of the arena will be piped for ice skating purposes. Rickard said yesterday at the Waldorf Astoria that he would conduct ice skating carnivals, beginning next September on every night when no boxing contests is scheduled.

The Tex Rickard Syndicate to which corporation the lease has been issued by the Consolidated Gas Co. owner of the property will have the exclusive right to operate the amphitheatre for 21 years at a rental of \$40,000. This amount, Mr. Rickard explained, is \$20,000 less than the annual interest on the money invested in Madison Square Garden. With such an advantage in expenses Rickard said he would be in a position to bid high for all championship boxing events and any other sporting contest that may appeal to him as a good drawing card.

The architect's plans provide for the use of very little steel in the construction of the building, which will have no pillars. The basement, which will be of an odd type because of the ground, which rises from the street level close to the water front to hilly heights toward Broadway, will contain dressing rooms, showers, gymnasium apparatus and other appurtenances of a first class athletic club. Provision also will be made in that part of the building for caring for horses and circus animals.

Rickard, who promoted the Willard-Moran bout which drew \$150,000 in the Garden, had first call on the services on Les Darcy for his first bout in this country, which he expected would be with Georges Carpentier, the French champion. The loss of the Garden by Rickard released Darcy from his promise to box for him.

YALE'S FOOTBALL SCHEDULE EASIER FOR NEXT SEASON

New Haven, Jan. 27.—Two new eleven appear on the Yale football schedule for next season, according to the official list of games released for publication today. The new teams—Amherst and North Carolina—replace Lehigh and Washington-Jefferson, whose elimination from the Yale schedule was forecasted two months ago. Nine games are included on the schedule, eight of which will be played in the Yale Bowl. The first game will be played here with Carnegie Tech on September 29, while the final contest will be played with Harvard at Cambridge on November 24. All of the games are scheduled for Saturday afternoons.

The schedule, while not as attractive as that of last fall, conforms with Yale's plan to book an easier list of games for the coming season. Last fall, it will be recalled, Yale endured one of the hardest schedules in years but, nevertheless, came through with eight victories against one defeat.

North Carolina, which plays here

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MATCH FULTON AND WEINERT FOR FEBRUARY 12

New York, Jan. 27.—Charlie Weinert, the Newark Adonis, and Fred Fulton, the Minnesota giant, were matched last night by Grant Hugh Browne to box ten rounds at Madison Square Garden on Feb. 12. This will be the first big bout in the Garden under Browne's regime.

Harry Pollok, manager of Weinert; Frank Force, manager of Fulton, and Browne met in Grant's apartments in the Hotel McAlpin last night and got down to business.

Browne already had signed up Fulton for a series of bouts, and all that remained at last night's conference was to make terms with Pollok.

The first step toward securing a license to conduct boxing bouts in the Garden was taken by the new owners yesterday when Browne appeared with his attorney at the offices of the State Athletic Commission and made formal application for a license. Browne's application was not definitely acted upon, for the organization which proposes holding bouts in the Garden has yet to be incorporated. This matter is already under way and papers have been sent to Albany.

It is expected that the incorporating documents will be received by Browne next Wednesday and the matter of a license will then be attended to. The name under which the present owners will organize will either be the Tower Realty Co. or the Madison Square Garden Corporation, and it will be in this name that the license permitting boxing bouts will be made out. The names of the owners will appear in the application for a license.

KETCHEL AND RED ALLEN SIGN TO BOX

The card for the boxing show to be held at the Casino, February 8, has been completed by Matchmaker Hatfield of the East End A. C. Red Allen and Al Ketchel will make in a 12 round semi-final, Johnny Bennett of Newark and Johnny Sharpe of this city are matched for a six round affair and there will be another six rounder between Pepper Martin of this city and Tommy Shea of New Haven. The main bout as previously announced, will be a 12 round battle with Young McAuliffe of this city and Knockout Eggers of New York as principals.

Ray Keating Beats Bill Thompson After Fast Handball Game

Standing.	W.	L.	P.C.
Burdick	2	0	1.000
Kelley	2	0	1.000
Keating	2	0	1.000
Quinn	0	2	.000
Cigar	0	2	.000
Thompson	0	2	.000

Ray Keating, the former New York American pitcher, beat Bill Thompson at the Y. M. C. A., yesterday in the city championship handball tournament. The score was 21 to 13 and 21 to 16. The match between Ray and Wilson and Jack Larkin was postponed until this afternoon. Jack Speidel and Em Donnelly will also meet this afternoon.

Claims Hugh Ross Ran Out on Match With Augie Ratner

Jimmy Johnston, the New York promoter, hurls this at Hugh Ross: "Just received word from the Albany promoter that the 'pride of Connecticut,' Hugh Ross, again ran out on Augie Ratner, the middleweight sensation of New York. Ratner's defeat of Carbone evidently put the 'crusher' on Ross. It is the second time Ross ran out of the match. 'I will make this proposition: To box 15 or 20 rounds in Bridgeport or New Haven, the winner take all the purse. Dave Fitzgerald, I consider one of the best and fairest referees in the country today and I would like to have him decide the merits of the fighters if Hugh Ross will agree to meet Ratner. If Ross objects to Fitzgerald, we will accept any honest and reputable man.'

Neville, Yale Gridiron Star, Struck on Head By An Alarm Clock

New Haven, Jan. 27.—Joe Neville, the Yale football star, who was responsible for the first touchdown scored by Yale against Harvard in seven years, had a narrow escape from Berkeley Oval yesterday morning. Two students, living on the third floor of Fayerweather hall, became involved in an argument which was followed by the exchanging of compliments with their fists.

One of the students, according to the story, was knocked to the floor, and upon regaining his feet, picked up an alarm clock from a table nearby. He aimed the clock at his rival's head but it missed its mark and went flying through an open window, landing on the head of Neville, who happened to be passing at the time. Neville could not see the joke and took the misadventure to task.

Neville was around last night nursing a larger bump than he ever received in any one football game.

The River Plate Commercial Co., Inc., of New York, reduced its capital from \$2,500,000 to \$325,000.

ALEXANDER HAS EARNED BOOST OVER 1916 PAY

Philadelphia, Jan. 27.—The holdout of Grover Cleveland Alexander of the Phillies has become a very serious problem for President Baker. Baker announced yesterday that he had sent a letter to Alexander refusing the player's demand for a three-year contract at \$15,000 a year.

The Phillies' owner told the pitcher that he was 'astonished' at his demands, and also stated that his offer of \$8,000 a year stood and "would not be increased by any great amount." It is also stated that on account of a cut in salary, Catcher Bill Killifer of the Phillies had refused to sign and had joined the holdouts.

This might be taken to indicate that Baker might be willing to raise the ante another \$500, but nothing like the \$7,000 Alexander is holding out for. Alexander already has said he would pitch semi-professional ball rather than work for Baker at the salary named in his contract.

During the Federal League war Alexander was the lowest salaried man among the leading stars of the game, as he had signed a three-year contract just as the war started. His contract was said to call for something like \$7,500. During this time Cobb was getting \$20,000, Speaker \$27,500, Collins \$15,000, Evers \$10,000 and Daubert \$9,000. Even after the war Speaker had his big contract renewed by the Cleveland club.

Considering the fact that many fans as the leading pitcher has eclipsed Johnson as the leading pitcher of the game, and that the Philadelphia club has been constructed entirely around Alcock, he seems to be worth more than \$8,000—though possibly not \$15,000.

Reindeer Killifer, Alexander's catcher, has had his salary reduced by \$2,000, according to Philly reports, and he and Alexander have formed a holdout partnership. Killifer was one of the first Federal League jumpers after the war, and he was the big hop, but he soon jumped back to the Phillies.

JOE WELLING IS WINNER IN BOUT WITH LEO JOHNSON

New York, Jan. 27.—Joe Wellings may not be everybody's lightweight champion of the world, but he is champion over that ebony-hued speed marvel, Leo Johnson.

The washish, wrathful one dropped out of the apple of Jimmy Johnston's eye last night at the Harlem Sporting club long enough to whip the prancing little darkey in ten rounds of thrilling fighting.

Welling beat Johnson simply because Leo could not untrack fast enough to escape the white boy's everlasting two-handed pounding on his middle section.

Johnson is infernally clever, but none of his art could save him from Wellings' ding-dong digs at his ribs. Wellings never let up on Johnson's waist line. True, Leo was up and away like a frightened deer every minute of the time, but always there was Wellings, willing and unmistakably punishing. Joe had to drive through Leo's bewildering guard to reach the dark boy's body, but he succeeded.

BOWLING MATCH WITH HARTFORD IS BOOKED FOR JAN 30

The biggest bowling match of the season will be pulled off next Tuesday night at the Connie Lewis alleys, when the crack Venetian Trio, which consists of Clementino, Carmen and Stefano, aided by Andy McCarthy and A. Ardolino, will roll a formidable quintet composed of the best bowlers in the city.

The "heavies" will have a hard proposition in the Hartford pin topplers, as Stefano, Clementino, Carmen, McCarthy and Ardolino are easily the best bowlers in that city.

A large delegation will go with the local team and expect to show up the local rooters, so that they will think Bridgeport is being bombarded by a German shell. The match will be for a purse of \$400. Three strings will be rolled in Bridgeport and three strings in Hartford, with pin fall to count. The Bridgeport team will be made up of Best, Feeney, Crossman, Horkheimer and Lewis.

Rennselaer Shooters Suffer By Armory Fire

Troy, N. Y., Jan. 27.—Due to the recent burning of the State Armory at this city, it may be impossible for the Rennselaer Poly Institute Rifle team to enter the Intercollegiate "shoots" this season.

Their rifles, a range, and some 3,000 rounds of ammunition, all of which were contained in the building were a total loss. The matches which open tonight are held under the auspices of the National Rifle Association, and it is probable that the Institute "gunmen" will appeal to that body for an extension of time, in order that they may obtain the necessary equipment.

FUNERAL DESIGNS AND BOUQUETS JOHN RECK & SON.

SEVEN PERMITS FOR BOXING SHOWS ISSUED BY POLICE BOARD

Chris Leonard, Former Ribbon Basketball Star, With Jaspers of Eastern League.

(By Wagner.)

That boxing is booming in this city just now is indicated by the eagerness of local sportsmen to get permits. It is reported that the police board has already issued seven permits for coming shows and that only one or two more will be given out for the present season. The permits already issued run up to May to the fans may expect to see two shows a month from now on.

The situation in this city has been so well handled by the police board that little need is felt for a boxing commission as provided in a bill introduced in the General Assembly. Those on the inside know that most of the rural members of the assembly are opposed to boxing bouts and as these members control the majority of votes, drastic legislation regarding the sport might be enacted if the question came up for discussion in Hartford.

Chris Leonard, the former Ribbon center, has signed with Jaspers of the Eastern basketball league. This team won the championship in the first half of the season. Last night the Jaspers visited Springfield and beat the Braves of that city by 27 to 14. Manager Leavy has booked the Jaspers for this city later in the season.

Walter Swenson is booked to play against Beckman when the Blue Ribbons meet the Reading, Pa., basketball team of the Eastern league at Colonial hall next Tuesday night. Beckman is considered one of the best shooters. It will be interesting to see if Swenson can hold him as well as he did Norman in Danbury.

The Players' Fraternity shows no

signs of cracking under the strain although the members appear to be deserting every day. Pitchers Douglas and Prendergast signed with the Chicago Cubs yesterday. Neither is anything wonderful as a pitcher so it was probably a case of safety first. For if they held out the manager might get annoyed and send them to the minors.

The real name of Willie Jackson, the boy who knocked out Johnny Dundee, is Oscar Tobler. He is of Austrian-Jewish parentage.

The Georgetown university football eleven may go to the coast for a trip next season. Negotiations are in progress for a game with Gonzaga university in Spokane, Wash., December 8. Although the name means nothing in the lives of eastern fans, Gonzaga is said to have a good football reputation on the coast.

Some ball players never believe they are through. Marty McFall, who has been a failure with the Red Sox and Yankees, thinks he can fool 'em in the National league. He may get a trial with Cincinnati as Manager Mathewson needs experienced pitchers.

Rutgers college has been compelled to decline a game with the University of Oregon eleven at the Polo grounds, New York, next season. Rutgers was willing to play Thanksgiving day but Oregon had that date taken. If an eastern team is to play Oregon, a stronger representation than Rutgers should be selected anyway.

It is reported that 11 members of the Brooklyn club who were out of the league had agreed to hold out until each gets the same pay he received last year. This will mean another war from Charley Ebbets about the high cost of baseball.

GEO. WRIGHT OF BASEBALL FAME IS ON 70 YEAR MARK

It was just three-score and ten years ago—on Jan. 28, 1847—that George Wright, honored throughout fandom as one of the fathers of professional baseball, was born in Harlem, New York City. Since retiring from baseball in 1880 he has become a wealthy manufacturer of Boston, and he still takes a keen interest in tennis and golf, as well as in his first loves, cricket and baseball.

The name of Wright looms large in the history of the diamond pastime. George Wright's brother, Harry, now dead, organized the first professional baseball club, the immortal Cincinnati Red Stockings of '69, and was one of the greatest managers and players the game has ever had. A splendid monument in Philadelphia marks his last resting place.

The father of Harry and George Wright was an Englishman, Sam Wright, a professional cricketer of wide fame. He came to America to act as coach for a team of gentleman cricketers who played on the Blyden Field in Hoboken where the first match game of baseball was played. Cricket was the first love of George and Harry Wright, but baseball early appealed to them, and they adopted it in spite of the protestations of their father, who insisted that the new fangled American sport was crude and uninteresting as compared with his beloved cricket.

George Wright began playing cricket at the Red House in Harlem when he was only one year old, and later he became a star with the St. George's Cricket club at Hoboken, being a member of the team that played visiting cricket clubs from England. He played baseball with a junior outfit at sixteen, and a couple of years later joined the Gotham club of New York, one of the pioneer teams, while Harry Wright was with the Knickerbockers, the first regular ball club ever organized.

Just half a century ago George Wright transferred his allegiance to the Union club of Morrisania, when that team held the championship. In 1869 he joined his brother Harry in Cincinnati, as a wearer of the Red Stockings, the emblem of the pioneer professional club. Before that, Wright had made a tour of the West with the Washington Nationals, the only defeat suffered on the trip being that at Rockford.

In his early days on the diamond George Wright was a catcher, but an injury he sustained while playing that position cured him of any desire to backstop. He then went to left field, and later became a shortstop, winning his greatest fame in that job.

When the National Association of professional clubs was launched in '71, Harry Wright became captain and manager of the Boston club, and George Wright was a shortstop. The Bostonians won four straight pennants. George was shortstop of the Boston club which won the National league pennant '77, and again in '78. The following year he was engaged as manager and captain of the Providence club of the National league, which won the pennant. He retired from baseball in 1880, and engaged in the sporting goods business in Boston.

Harry and George Wright were members of the Boston club which, accompanied by the Athletics, made a trip to England in 1874. They played cricket as well as baseball, and won every game with the crack English teams, except one which was a draw. George Wright made the record for the largest score in a match, rolling up fifty runs at Manchester.

Sporting Chatter

Having lost the white hope championship of Panama, Felix Kelly is searching for more countries to be conquered in.

Talking about 40-round matches and Freddie Welsh and Johnny Kilbane, all in one mouthful, indicates that Mike Donlin has gone crazy with the Cuban heat.

"Understudies always believe they have better voices than the principals," says a musical critic. Just like baseball benchwarmers, who are always sure they could show up the regulars.

IN CINCINNATI.

We used to boast in our town of a ball club mighty fine—twas a club of great renown, but that was in sixty-nine! But you don't hear us boasting of our club in these sad days—no, all we do is roasting when the once great Red team plays!

Most local boxing phenomena are very much like local trains when they try to compete with the fast ones.

Caruso is the Ty Cobb of grand opera, which is the big league of music—but Ty Cobb couldn't be bought for a song even of the Caruso variety.

Having got so much publicity from its New Year's football game, it is rumored that Pasadena is planning gridiron contests for Washington's Birthday, the Fourth of July, and All Follies Day.

"What sized fish gives most fun?" inquires a headline in the New York Sun. Without having read the article, we suggest that it is the big one which got away.

Boxers seem to be more prevalent this winter than ever before, and so are wrestlers, who are knocked out, try to make us believe that crime is decreasing!

Australia In Past Has Sent Numerous Boxers to This Land

Les Darcy is the latest of many great Australian fighters to seek to win pugilistic laurels in America. In the early '90s nearly every ship from the Antipodes brought a cargo of boxers, and many good ones were among them. One of them was Tom Tracey, a welterweight, who fought his first bout on this side 24 years ago today, knocking out Billy Gallagher in the 19th round in San Francisco. He then fought Joe Walcott in Boston, and was knocked out, but '97 he held the Demon to a draw. Tracey was also whipped by Tommy Ryan and Kid Lavigne.

Tracey was a foster brother of Dan Creedon, a good Australian middleweight who came to America at that period. Among others who came over from the Kangaroo country were Peter Jackson, Bob Fitzsimmons, Sam Meadows, Jack Hall, Dick and Sam Matthews, Paddy Gorman, Joe Goddard, Frank Slavin, Jim Hall, Tom Ryan, Billy Murphy, Billy McCarthy, George Dawson, Shadow Maher, George Griffo, "Iron Bark" Jim Burke, Abe Willis and others—all good men.

Administration leaders in the Senate defied Senator Borah to force a vote on his resolution criticizing President Wilson's proposal for the United States to enter a league to enforce peace.

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